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In re Application of

BADT Sr.

Serial No.: 09/152,008

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OF MONITORING THE SPARE CAPACITY  
OF A DRA NETWORK

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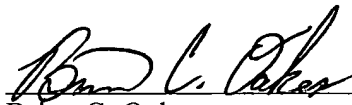
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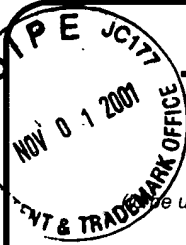
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